At present, the WAIS software is only available through the Internet. If you have access to the internet, you can copy the software using "ftp." If you do not have access to the Internet, please write to:

Brewster Kahle
Thinking Machines Corporation
1010 El Camino Real, Suite 310
Menlo Park CA
415-329-9300
brewster@think.com

Thank you for your interest in WAIS. Instructions for ftp of WAIS software on the Internet: ftp think.com (think.com = 131.239.2.1) user: anonymous password: user@host > cd wais > Is (You will see a list of wais software. Continue with either UNIX or Macintosh steps below.) For UNIX WAIS: > binary > get wais-8-*.tar.Z > quit To unpack UNIX WAIS: zcat wais-8-*.tar.Z | tar xvf -For Macintosh WAIS: > get WAIStation-0-*.sit.hqx > quit To unpack Macintosh WAIS: Use Stuffit to "Decode Binhex file" then UnStuff the archive.

For help, send email to "wais-interest@think.com"

INTERNET Information

At present, WAIS software is only available through the INTERNET. There are regional and national networks that provide INTERNET connections. Depending on your location, the regional and national networks will differ in costs and will provide varying services.

For information about Regional Networks:

DDN Network Information Center ("the NIC") SRI International, Menlo Park CA 415-859-3695

or

NSF Network Service Center (NNSC) BBN Systems and Technologies, Cambridge MA 617-873-3400

If you are in the Northern California region, call Paul Baer at BARRNet at 415-725-1790 or info@nic.barrnet.net.

National Networks providing Internet connectivity:

Advanced Network and Services (ANS) Elmsford, NY 914-789-5300

Alternet Reston, VA 703-876-5050

Performance Systems Inc. (PSI) Reston, VA 703-620-6651